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NEWSLETTER

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1. Royal Commission on Asbestos Phase I Public Hearings

On Monday, June 8, 1981, the Commission will hear informal oral presentations of written submissions generally filed earlier this year. This hearing will take place in the Huron Room of the Macdonald Block, 900 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The schedule of presentations is as follows:

<u>Time (approximate)</u>	<u>Presentation by:</u>	<u>Brief No.</u>
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario	053
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	Quebec Ministry of Energy and Resources	019
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers	063
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Dow Chemical of Canada Limited	021
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Mrs. Betty Glaser	064

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2. Royal Commission on Asbestos Phase II Public Hearings

Commencing Thursday, June 11, 1981, and for many dates thereafter in June and July, the Royal Commission on Asbestos will be hearing testimony by expert witnesses, on such subjects as the health effects and the measurement of asbestos.

These are formal public hearings during which Commission Counsel John Laskin and the parties granted legal standing by the Commission will conduct examination and cross-examination of witnesses.

The hearings will all be held in Hearing Room 3 on the 21st floor of 180 Dundas Street West, Toronto, Ontario (second block east of University Avenue). Individuals other than the parties with standing should please note that the seating facilities in Hearing Room 3 are limited to approximately 30 places. Seating will therefore be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Unless otherwise specified, the hearings will start at 10:00 a.m. Generally, hearings will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. In the event that testimony is still ongoing at 5:00 p.m., the Commission may hold some evening hearings to accommodate witnesses and parties with standing.

Persons interested in attending for evening sessions only may want to call the Commission office at 4:00 p.m. on any given sitting day to inquire about the progress of the testimony for that day (Telephone: 416/965-1885). To a certain extent, the timetables for our hearings must be at the convenience of the busy schedules of our guest witnesses; some of these men and women are flying in from far-off points in the United States, Great Britain, etc. to appear before the Commission, and they are oftentimes en route elsewhere. Nevertheless, the Royal Commission on Asbestos is most pleased that the following experts have accepted the invitation to give evidence:

Dr. Philip Enterline	June 11, 1981
Dr. Hans Weill	June 16/17 (starting at 11:00 a.m. on 17th)
Dr. Geoffrey Berry	June 18/19
Dr. Donald Wigle	June 22 (starting at 2:00 p.m.)
To-be-Announced	June 23
Dr. J. Corbett McDonald	June 24/25
Dr. William Nicholson	June 29/30
To-be-Announced	July 6
Dr. Henry Anderson	July 7
Mr. Richard Lemen	July 8
Dr. Eric Chatfield	July 9/10
To-be-Announced	July 20
Dr. Margaret Becklake	July 21 (starting at 10:30 a.m.)
Dr. Paul Kotin	July 22/23
Dr. Graham Gibbs	July 23
Dr. Edwin Holstein	July 27/28
Dr. Julian Peto	July 29/30

Please call the Commission office after June 4 to inquire about the "To-be-Announced" slots.

Note to Media Representatives: The Commission requests that no television or radio equipment be used in Hearing Room 3 during the course of testimony. There is a small reception area outside the hearing room should media representatives wish to interview the Commissioners and/or witnesses. Please notify Linda Kahn at the Commission office if you will wish to use this area. Thank you.

3. Written Submissions on Workers' Compensation

At the request of a number of parties with standing, the Commission has decided to advance the deadline for the submission of written briefs on workers' compensation from May 29 to September 30, 1981.

